

Public service unions will defy limits

PUBLIC service union chiefs today pledged to follow the teachers with pay settlements which break the Government's 6 per cent cash limit.

Leaders of hospital ancillary workers, nurses, and ambulancemen declared they were looking for settlements which at least matched the 7½ per cent deal won by the teachers yesterday.

And the Civil Servants' leader said he was going to press on with a demand for 15 per cent.

Ron Keating, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said the teachers' settlement showed the Government should ease the health service cash limits to give workers the sort of settlements being made elsewhere.

"Local authority manual workers and teachers had 7½ per cent. We would not be very happy with that, but it would be compounding the felony if we were forced into 6 per cent when higher settlements were being made elsewhere," he said.

NUPE was currently negotiating for NHS ancillary workers and ambulancemen, and



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SCOTTISH Office Minister Malcolm Rifkind has been asked to step in to help Clydebank meet a £400,000 bill.

That is the cost to the town of making safe a deadly 13-acre asbestos tip.

Councillors have warned that if the site's owners, Monaville Estates Ltd., don't pay for the safety work, it will put 4p in the £1 on the rates.

BURY

After meeting Clydebank councillors Mr Rifkind agreed to put their case to the Treasury. But there is no guarantee that his intervention will succeed.

It has taken just over six weeks for a team of specially clad experts to bury thousands of tons of dangerous blue, white, and grey asbestos waste at the site in Agammemnon Street.

In some places it lay 15 feet deep where the former factory owners, Turners Asbestos, dumped the unwanted material.

SAFE

Now all that remains to be done is to sow grass seed. The present owners, Monaville,

A walk on the wild site

CLYDEBANK District Councillor Hugh Duffy walks over the flattened wasteland of the former asbestos dump today.

Mr Duffy and his fellow councillors say ratepayers in the district could be asked to pay an extra 4p in the £1 if the bill to make the site safe is not met.

The Evening Times disclosed last year that the site — labelled a biological bomb—had asbestos lying up to 15 feet deep in places.

DANGER TIP CASH APPEAL

planning permission were granted to have the site changed from industrial use to retail, they would

Mr Duffy said the council may also take legal action to recover the money.



Yarrow orders needed to save jobs—MPs

TWO Scottish Labour MPs today urged the Government to give an immediate frigate order to Yarrow and lift the fear of redundancy among the workforce.

George Robertson (Hamilton), Shadow Navy spokesman, and Donald Dewar, whose Garscadden constituency includes the naval shipbuilding yard, have had talks with top company and union bosses.

Yarrows urgently need at least one order for a Type 22 frigate to maintain continuity of work, especially among the steel trades.

The Government is considering placing orders for two Type 22s.

Mr Dewar said:—"If Yarrows do not get an order in the immediate future there is real danger of substantial redundancies. And the fault would be entirely the Government's. It would have nothing to do with the world recession or the high £ or anything else."

SKILLS

Mr Robertson has written to Navy Ministers Keith Speed about the urgent need for an order.

He said:—"It seems likely that jobs will be prejudiced and scarce skills will be lost if orders being delayed at the Ministry of